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TO OPIM [ ] INFO [ ] CITE [ ] 6572

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1. FLIGHT NO 4 ON AIRCRAFT 123 AIRBORNE TODAY AT 11:00. TAKE OFF IN AB AT 86000 LBS. FLIGHT ENDURANCE 1 HR 33 MIN. PILOT BILL PARKS. APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES OF THE FLIGHT WAS SPENT IN FUNCTIONAL CHECKS OF SYSTEMS AT 30000 TO 40000 FT AND M.9 TO 1.2. ALL SYSTEMS CHECKED AT SEVERAL ALTITUDES SUCH AS HYDRAULICS, ELECTRICAL, INSTRUMENTS, INSTRUMENTATION, UHF, ADF, LANDING GEAR MANUAL AND NORMAL ETC. AIR STARTS WERE MADE 250 KNOTS AT 35000 FT AND WERE SATISFACTORY BOTH MANUAL AND NORMAL. THE SPIKE CONTROL SYSTEM WAS FLOWN AND CHECKED ON THIS AIRCRAFT FOR FIRST TIME, HOWEVER WHILE IT CHECKED OK THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT SPEED FOR THE SPIKE TO MOVE. THE ENTIRE FLIGHT CARD WAS COMPLETED WITH THE ONLY MALFUNCTION BEING INTERMITTENT NOSE WHEEL STEERING, BOTH TAXING AND LANDING; ADF DID NOT FUNCTION; MANUAL BY-PASS WARNING LIGHT MALFUNCTIONED.

2. CRUISE CONTROL FLIGHT SCHEDULED THURSDAY OR FRIDAY. IT WILL BE SUPERSONIC, 400 KNOTS, REACHING 55,000 FT AND M.2.0. TAKE OFF GROSS WEIGHT OF 100,000 LBS.

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3. THE INS SYSTEM WILL NOT BE INSTALLED UNTIL THIS FLIGHT IS FINISHED.

4. TODAY'S FLIGHT WAS KEPT UNDER RADAR SURVEILLANCE, X BAND, INSIDE 40 MILES AT ALL TIMES. THE THREE AIRCRAFT DEFINITELY COULD BE SEPARATED (F-101, F-104, A-12) AND A-12 PRESENTED THE LARGER PICTURE MOST OF THE TIME. [ ]

OBSERVED. [ ] FEELS THIS MEANS LITTLE BUT THE AIRCRAFT DEFINITELY PRESENTED PROPER ANGLE TO ANTENNA MUCH OF THE TIME. [ ] EQUIPMENT IS READY TO GO NOW AND AT MY REQUEST THEY WILL OPERATE IT AGAINST THE A-12, WHENEVER IT IS FLYING, FOR FURTHER SHAKE DOWN PRIOR TO USING IT ON U-2.

5. INSTALLATION OF J-58 IN AIRCRAFT 121 IS STILL GOING ON AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON STILL LOOKS GOOD FOR NEXT FLIGHT.

END OF MESSAGE

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